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**CASE #7469(V)**  
**UNUS #99-0134-UNI**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: DeBoer et al.  
Serial No.: 09/454,774  
Filed: December 3, 1999  
For: FOOD COMPOSITION

Group: 1761  
Examiner: C. Paden  
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2000, a two month extension of time for response to which is being requested, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2 at line 28 with the following:

WO 98/13023 discloses foodstuffs containing microcrystalline plant sterols.

Preferably, the foodstuff is a spread based on a combination of sweetening agent, a

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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Independent Claims		Minus			\$ 80.00	
Multiple Claims					\$ 270.00	
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